In the Specification:

Please make the following additions, deletions and changes in the indicated specification paragraphs:

Page 1, between the title (line 2) and first paragraph (line 3), please insert the following heading: **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**.

Page 1, between the fourth paragraph and the next to last line (stariing "Previously.."), please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

Page 3, lines 5 to 8, please delete the paragraph between these lines in its entirety.

Page 3, between line 8 and line 9, please insert the following paragraphs:

According to the invention especially the above-describes objects of the invention are attained by a cosmetic agent for improving a condition of hair, which contains at least one silane of formula I:

$$R_mSiX_{4-m} \qquad (I),$$

wherein m denotes an integer from 0 to 4, preferably 0 to 3, and most preferably 1 or 2; R is a nonhydrolyzable organic group, preferably each R, independently of each other, denotes a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group each with 1 to 16 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted hydroxyalkyl group each with 1

to 16 carbon atoms and 1 to 6 hydroxyl groups or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, and X denotes a hydrolyzable group, preferably each X, independently of each other, denotes a hydroxyl, halogen, acetyl, acetoxy, acyl, acyloxy or alkoxy group with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a hydroxylated polymer unit, a polyglycol or a polyalkyl ether with 4 to 18 carbon atoms.

In preferred embodiments of the cosmetic agent the at least one silane is at least one of compounds of formula IV, of formula V, of formula VI and of formula VII:

$$(R1)_3SiR_2N^+(R3)(R4)(R5)\ Y^- \qquad (IV),$$

$$(R1)_3SiR2N(R3)(R4) \qquad (V),$$

$$(R1)_3SiR2R7 \qquad (VI),$$

$$(R1)_2SiR8R9 \qquad (VII),$$

wherein each R1, independently of each other, is a halogen or R6O, wherein R6 is H; alkyl; aryl, acetyl; acetoxy; acyl; acyloxy; glycol; polyglycol; alkylglycol, alkyl polyglycol or a monoester formed by linking a carboxylic acid with 1 to 24 carbon atoms with a glycol or polyglycol; alkylphenol, substituted with an alkyl with 1 to 24 carbon atoms, an ether thereof or a sorbitan ester thereof; R7 denotes R6, H, halogen, halogenated or perhalogenated alkyl or aryl, $NH_2(CH_2)_2NHR_2$, NH_2R_2, $C_3H_5O_2R_2$, $C_4H_6O_2R_2$, $NaO(CH_3O)P(O)R_2$ or $ClCH_2C_6H_4R_2$; R8 and R9, independently of each other, denote R7, alkyl with 1 to 24 carbon atoms, isobutyl, phenyl or n-octyl; R2 denotes R6, benzyl or vinyl;

R3 and R4, independently of each other, each denote R7, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxy or alkyl with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or R3 and R4 together represent a morpholine group or another cyclic or heterocyclic group; R5 denotes hydroxyalkyl, R7$CH_2C_6H_5$, polyglycol, alkyl, alkoxy, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkyl sulfonate or perfluoroalkyl carboxylate; and Y^- is an anion of salts of the compounds of formula IV.

Page 13, last paragraph (between line 3 and last line):

Suitable couplers are, for example:

N-(3-dimethylaminophenyl)urea, 2,6-diaminopyridine, 2-amino-4-[(2-hydroxy-ethyl)amino]-anisole, 2,4-diamino-1-fluoro-5-methylbenzene, 2,4-diamino-1-methoxy-5-methylbenzene, 2,4-diamino-1-ethoxy-5-methylbenzene, 2,4-diamino-1-(hydroxyethoxy)-5-methylbenzene, 2,4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-1,5-dimethoxybenzene, 2, 3-diamino-6-methoxypyridine, 3-amino-6-methoxy-2-(methylamino)pyridine, 2,6-diamino-3,5-dimethoxypyridine, 3,5-diamino-2,6-dimethoxypyridine, 1,3-diaminobenzene, 2,4-diamino-1-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-benzene, 1-(2-aminoethoxy)-2,4-diaminobenzene, 2-amino-1-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-4-methylaminobenzene, 2,4-diaminophenoxyacetic acid, 3-[di(2-hydroxy-ethyl)amino]-aniline, 4-amino-2-di[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-1-ethoxybenzene, 5-methyl-2-(1-methyl-ethyl)-phenol, 3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-aniline, ~~3-[(2-aminoethyl]ö-amino]aniline [sic],~~ 3-[(2-aminoethyl]-amino]aniline, 1,3-di-(2,4-diaminophenoxy)propane, di(2,4-diaminophenoxy)methane, 1,3-diamino-2,4-dimethoxybenzene, 2,6-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)aminotoluene,

4-hydroxyindole, 3-dimethylaminophenol, 3-diethylaminophenol, 5-amino-2-methylphenol, 5-amino-4-fluoro-2-methylphenol, 5-amino-4-methoxy-2-methylphenol, 5-amino-4-ethoxy-2-methylphenol, 3-amino-2,4-dichlorophenol, 5-amino-2,4-dichlorophenol, 3-amino-2-methylphenol, 3-amino-2-chloro-6-methylphenol, 3-aminophenol, 2[(3-hydroxyphenyl)amino]acetamide, 5-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-methylphenol, 3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]phenol, 3-[(2-methoxyethyl)amino]phenol, 5-amino-2-ethyl-phenol, 2-(4-amino-2-hydroxyphenoxy)ethanol, 5-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-methylphenol, 3-[(2,3-dihydroxypropyl)amino]-2-methylphenol, 3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-methylphenol, 2-amino-3-hydroxypyridine, 5-amino-4-chloro-2-methylphenol, 1-naphthol, 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene, 1,7-dihydroxynaphthalene, 2,3-dihydroxynaphthalene, 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene, 2-methyl-1-naphthol acetate, 1,3-dihydroxybenzene, 1-chloro-2,4-dihydroxybenzene, 2-chloro-1,3-dihydroxybenzene, 1,2-dichloro-3,5-dihydroxy-4-methylbenzene, 1,5-dichloro-2,4-dihydroxybenzene, 1,3-dihydroxy-2-methylbenzene, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenol. 4-(p-hydroxyethylamino)-1,2-methylene-dioxybenzene, 3,4-methylenedioxyaniline, 5-[(2-hydroxyethyl)-amino]-1,3-benzodioxol, 5-hydroxy-1,3-benzodioxol, 5-amino-1,3-benzodioxol, 4-methoxy-1-naphthol, 2-methyl-1,3-dihydroxy-benzene, 6-bromo-1-hydroxy-3,4-methylenedioxybenzene, 3,4-diaminobenzoic acid, 3,4-dihydro-6-hydroxy-1,4-(2H)-benzoxazine, 6-amino-3,4-dihydro-1,4(2H)-benzoxazine, 3-methyl-

1-phenyl-5-pyrazolone, 5,6-dihydroxyindole, 5,6-dihydroxyindoline, 5-hydroxy-indole, 6-hydroxyindole, 7-hydroxyindole, 2,3-indolinedione, 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl ~~ether~~ethers, such as 2,4-dihydroxyanisole and 2,4-dihydroxyphenoxyethanol.

Page 15, third paragraph (between lines 16 to 20):

Component (B) contains as the oxidant for developing the hair color hydrogen peroxide or a product of addition thereof to urea, melamine ~~melanin [sic]~~ or sodium borate, the oxidant preferably being used in an amount from about 1 to 18 weight percent and particularly from about 4 to 14 weight percent. Particularly preferred is the use of hydrogen peroxide in an amount from 1 to 18 weight percent.